READ AGAIN :—

Government Proceedings No. 6226—Mis. F. 21-96, dated 30th November 1897.

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Letter No. 5237, dated 6th December 1897, from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore:

"In continuation of this office letter No. 5098, dated the 26th ultimo, I am directed to forward, for information and for communication to the public, a copy of a letter No. 2549 of the 27th idem, from the Government of India in the Home Department, to the Government of Madras, on the subject of the arrangements for the despatch to the Hedjaz of pilgrims from the Madras Presidency, Mysore and certain other places.

2. The Government of India have decided that pilgrims from the Mysore State should be kept under observation in the Madras observation camp, whence they will be despatched to Bombay and transhipped, without being permitted to land, on to a vessel bound for Karachi, which will be their port of embarkation for the Hedjaz.

3. Arrangements will be made, in communication with the Government of Madras, for the despatch of intending pilgrims from Mysore to the Madras observation camp, and a further communication sent to you on this point."

Letter No. 2549, dated 27th November 1897, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department.

"I am directed to address you in continuation of my letter No. 2524, dated 21st instant, on the subject of the departure for the Hedjaz of pilgrims for the Madras Presidency, from the Mysore and Hyderabad States, and from the Hyderabad Assigned Districts. The Government of India accept the suggestions contained in your telegram of the 11th and 13th instant, that pilgrims from the Madras Presidency should be despatched by sea to Karachi *viâ* Bombay, from some port in the Madras Presidency other than the port of Madras, and that they should be transhipped at Bombay without being permitted to land. The Government of Bombay are being requested to make the necessary arrangements for the transhipment of the pilgrims at Bombay and to enter into communication with the Government of Madras on the subject.

2. The intending pilgrims should in the first place be collected in an observation camp and detained for a minimum period of ten days under the careful superintendence of a Commissioned Medical Officer. Intending pilgrims who have completed the ten days observation period and are certified to be free from infection should be sent to a Madras port to be shipped to Bombay *en route* for Karachi. The dates of the despatch of pilgrims from the Madras port should, with the permission of the Governor in Council, be arranged in communication with the Government of Bombay, in order that they may fit in with the transhipment arrangements at Bombay and with the arrangements made at Karachi for despatching pilgrims to the Hedjaz. Pilgrims should be despatched from the provincial camp to the Madras port of departure by special train and under the charge of a responsible officer, who the Government of India consider should accompany the pilgrims as far as Bombay. Passage tickets to the Hedjaz may be sold only at the observation camps, and I am to request that the necessary steps may be taken to enforce this order, and, in communication with the Government of Bombay, to make it known to shipping agents and pilgrim-brokers.

3. The Government of India consider that pilgrims from the Mysore and Hyderabad States and from the Hyderabad Assigned Districts should also be collected for observation in the Madras observation camp, and that they should be shipped to Karachi along with, and under the same arrangements as, the Madras pilgrims. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Resident in Mysore and the Resident at Hyderabad, and I am to request that the Government of Madras will settle, in communication with them, the arrangements for collecting the Mysore and Hyderabad pilgrims in the Madras observation camp.

4. I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, arrangements may be made as quickly as possible to give effect to the instructions contained in this letter, and that the arrangements may be communicated to the Government of India and the Government of Bombay."

No. 6829-36—MIS. 1418, DATED, BANGALORE, 13TH DECEMBER 1897.

ORDER THEREON.—Communicated to Deputy Commissioners of districts with reference to para 2 of Government Proceedings No. 6226—Mis. F. 21-96, dated 30th November 1897, with the request that they will give the widest publicity to the instructions of the Government of India regarding the despatch to the Hedjaz of pilgrims from the Mysore State.

C. SREENIVASIENGAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.